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SUBJECT : FOOD SUPPORT - GUINEA

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1. GUINEAN MINISTER OF EXCHANGES, DR ALPHA OUMAR BARRY, WHO HAS PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLY PROBLEMS, WAS VERY PLEASED WITH POSSIBILITY RECEIVING 5,000 MT CORN AS INITIAL USG RESPONSE DROUGHT RELIEF PROBLEM. BARRY SAID SHIPMENT OF FED CORN MENTIONED REFTEL ACCEPTABLE. GUINEA'S ONLY CONCERN IS THAT IS GIFT FROM UNITED STATES. HE ALSO ASSURED ME THAT SHIP WOULD BE ACCEPTED FOR OFF-LOADING IMMEDIATELY ON ARRIVAL AND SPECIAL EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO OFF-LOAD AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

2. I DID NOT ASK MINISTER BARRY FOR ASSURANCES THAT THERE WOULD BE NO "HARRASSMENT," SINCE DID NOT BELIEVE DEPARTMENT
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REALLY INTENDED TO HAVE THIS QUESTION POSED TO GUINEAN GOVERN-

MENT. RE REFTEL PARA 5, IN ABSENCE SPECIFIC INFORMATION OR
DETAILS ON VAGUE REPORTS FROM UNIDENTIFIED SOURCES CONCERNING
PAST DOCK/POLICE PROBLEMS OF UNSPECIFIED NATURE OCCURRING AT
UNDEFINED TIME, EMBASSY UNABLE COMMENT. HOWEVER, EMBASSY
DOES KNOW THAT FOR PAST SIX MONTHS SINCE GUINEA GOVERNMENT
INSTITUTED NEW CONTROLS AT PORT, THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE OR NO
PILFERAGE. SHIPMENT OF OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL SUPPLIES FOR
EMBASSY ARRIVE INTACT AS ORDERED. OTHER PERSONS IN CONAKRY
REPORT SAME RESULTS. CAPTAIN OF AN AMERICAN SHIP WHICH OFF-
LOADED HERE IN DECEMBER REMARKED TO AMERICAN CONSUL HIS
PLEASURE WITH LACK OF PROBLEMS IN OFF-LOADING. IN CIRCUMSTANCES,
SEE NO REASON TO EXPECT THAT THERE WOULD BE ANY HARRASSMENT
OF SHIP BRINGING GOODS WHICH GUINEANS SO VERY BADLY WANT AND
NEED.
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